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Federal Communications Commission
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Washington, D.C. 20554

## Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

I am a Sonic Internet customer in the Bay Area. Faced with the major providers, I deliberately chose to use one of their smaller competitors in order to get a satisfying price and better customer service. In particular, Sonic has pledged to maintain net neutrality - this is important to me and important to the country as a whole.

Monopoly power harms the consumer, ordinary people like me, who just want choice (and not always the cheapest option), but going further it also harms the major providers, who face even less competition, reduce quality of service and in the long run provide every greater risk to their shareholders (when the monopoly is inevitably broken).

I am sure that the big companies think that no longer being forced to unbundle will result in greater corporate profits. I am certainly an investor in AT&T, Verizon, Time Warner etc. through mutual fund holdings. And I would like to slightly reduce my rate of return on that investment in order to maintain my consumer choice. Investors are also consumers and in this case I want to maintain my rights as a consumer!

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